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1. EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPERS REPORT MAY 9 THAT GDR CHIEF OF STATE HONECKER RECEIVED MARSHAL NICOLAI OGARKOV, SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ON MAY 7. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WERE GENERAL HOFFMAN, GDR DEFENSE MINISTER, COLONEL KESSLER, NVA CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL IVANOWSKI,
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COMMANDER OF SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY AND PYOTR ABRASSIMOV, SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN. DURING THE MEETING, QUESTIONS RELATED TO A " FURTHER DEEPENING OF DEFENSE COOPERATION WERE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED.

2. COMMENT: OGARKOV'S VISIT OCCURRED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AFTER THE VISIT OF SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER

USTINOV TO EAST BERLIN (REFTEL). IT ALSO HAPPENED TOWARD THE END OF THE 1977 ROTATION BY AIR OF A PART OF THE SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY AND THE REPORTED CALL-UP OF EAST GERMAN RESERVISTS ON MAY 6 WHICH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM. WE SPECULATE THAT BOTH OF THESE SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE HONECKER-OGARKOV MEETING, IN THE CONTEXT HOWEVER OF BROADER DEFENSE MATTERS AS IMPLIED BY THE NEWSPAPER STORIES.

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